## Hosea 2

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- **2** Say ye unto your brethren, <u>Ammi</u>; and to your sisters, <u>Ruhamah</u>. (Ammi = my people; Ruhamah = I love you; changed from chapter-1. Lo means not)
- <sup>2</sup> Plead with your mother, plead: for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts; (God was speaking of Israel and their false gods. He was asking them to put away their idols and return to Him)
- <sup>3</sup>Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst. (Without God's blessings on the land, there would be famine and pestilence throughout Israel)

(The famine in the end times will not be for bread. It will be for hearing the Word of God) Amos-8:11

- <sup>4</sup>And <u>I will not have mercy upon her children</u>; for they be the children of whoredoms. (Until they repent and straighten up) (The children of a whore don't know who their father is)
- <sup>5</sup> For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink. (She was a prostitute. This is symbolic for how Israel was acting. They adopted the idols of the heathen tribes in that area, and abandoned God)

(God provides all that we need. HE freely gives it to us, if we remain loyal to Him. The whore only loses her soul for the cheap trinkets that she receives from her "lovers")

- <sup>6</sup>Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths. (God will remove His blessings from Israel. Therefore, all of her plans will fail)
- <sup>7</sup>And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, <u>I</u> will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me

than now. (Her first husband was God; before she fell to harlotry with the worship of the idols of the heathen peoples)

(God was trying to wake up the people of Israel, to repent, return to Him and be blessed again. The parable of the prodigal son was also an example of this. Return to God and be blessed. Your life will improve a hundred fold)

- \*For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal. (God was her provider, not her false god <Baal> that she was chasing. She was too ignorant to know it. She was using God's gifts to her; to prepare an offering to idols. What an insult to God)
- Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will recover my wool and my flax given to cover her nakedness. (She will be abased for her stupidity. She insulted God and will be chastised for it. God will take back all the earthly things that she covets)
- <sup>10</sup> And now will I discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of mine hand. (Everyone will see her shame. No one will help her)
- <sup>11</sup> I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts. (There will be no more happiness, no more celebrations. Without God, life quickly loses its meaning and its joy)
- <sup>12</sup> And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, whereof she hath said, These are my rewards that my lovers have given me: and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them. (She said I have more than I even need. I will throw it away to the beasts of the field. She never says that all the things she has were given to her by God. She has become self-centered and thankless)

NOTE: (Multiculturalism, atheism, Islam and heathenism will destroy a previously Christian nation. Even Christianity itself has been perverted with false teachings and traditions of men, like Easter. The result is that the Christian countries have lost their blessings; their wealth and their ability to be prosperous)

<sup>13</sup> And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim, wherein she burned incense to them, and she decked herself with her earrings and her

<u>jewels</u>, and she went after her lovers, and forgat me, saith the LORD. (She wanted paganism; she'll get more than she thought. She worshipped idols. She'll learn that they can't help her. In those days, the earrings and jewels were the advertisement for a prostitute)

NOTE: (That's why ignorant preachers tell women today not to wear jewelry. It has nothing to do with life today. Women who wear makeup and jewelry today are not advertising prostitution)

¹⁴Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her. (If she repents, God will forgive her and bless her again)

(That timeframe is now and through to the Millennium. If we repent at any time and return to God, He will forgive us and bless us. It's not too late)

<sup>15</sup> And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of <u>Achor</u> for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt. (Achor = trouble, strife) (If God is with you, the world cannot trouble you)

<sup>16</sup> And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, that thou shalt call me <u>Ishi;</u> and shalt call me no more <u>Baali</u>. (Ishi = my husband) (Baali = lord or master)

(This speaks of the Great Wedding of Jesus with His church on the Lord's Day. It will begin the thousand year period known as the Millennium)

<sup>17</sup> For I will take away the names of <u>Baalim</u> out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name. (She will abandon idol worship <Baal worship> and return to God)

(Baalim was a corrupt money grubbing priest of Moab. He took money from their king with which to curse Israel. God intervened and prevented him from doing so. The Angel of the Lord was standing there, ready to kill Baalim if he tried to go through with it) Numbers-22:21-38

<sup>18</sup> And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out

of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely. (They will be at peace. There won't be any more wars)

- <sup>19</sup> And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving kindness, and in mercies. (This is the Great Wedding of the Jesus Christ <the Savior> and His church. It will happen during the Millennium) Ezekiel-18:4
- <sup>20</sup> I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD. (This is the Great Spiritual Wedding in the eternity) see Hebrews-11:6

(We don't have to wait for that time, though. We can know God now, by studying His Word; living by His commandments; and receive His blessings in this flesh life)

- <sup>21</sup> And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith the LORD, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth; (We will have communication with everyone, including with God Himself)
- <sup>22</sup> And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear <u>Jezreel</u>. (Jezreel = we are God's planting < Hius sowing>. We will produce fruit by teaching God's Word to the people)
- <sup>23</sup> And <u>I will sow her unto me in the earth</u>; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God. (God will plant the people back on their own land. God will accept all those who repent and accept Him. Jesus <God in the flesh> made salvation open to all peoples, who accept Him as their God)

(Lo-ammi = Not my people; Ammi = My people)